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SUBJ: FURTHER REACTIONS TO QUITO MEETING

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1. BOGOTA DAILY EL ESPECTADOR ON NOV 15 CARRIED BRIEF INTERVIEWS WITH RETURNING OAS DEL MEMBERS SEN RAMIRO ANDRADE TERAN, SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR INTER AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND SEN FELIO ANDRADE MANRIQUE.

2. ANDRADE TERAN DESCRIBED THE QUITO DECISION AS A PARALYZING VETO, WHEREBY THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY HAD BEEN THWARTED ON THE CUBAN SANCTIONS QUESTION. HE INDICATED A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR LIFTING THE SANCTIONS BUT POINTED OUT THAT A DECISION ON COLOMBIAN RELATIONS WITH CUBA COULD ONLY BE MADE BY PRES LOPEZ.

3. ANDRADE MANRIQUE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE DECISION ON THE RESTORATION OF RELTIONS WITH CUBA WAS ONE FOR PRES LOPEZ. ANDRADE MANRIQUE SAID THAT THE QUITO MEETING DEMONSTRATED THE NECESSITY OF REFORM OF THE OAS.

4. EL ESPECTADOR ALSO REPORTED THAT DEPUTY SECY INGERSOLL AND ASSTSECY ROGERS HAD MET PRIVATELY WITH LIEVANO IN QUITO AFTER THE VOTING. THE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN RUMORED THAT LIEVANO

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MIGHT MEET WITH SECY KISSINGER IN THE NEAR FUTURE. EL ESPECTADOR

STATED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THE REPORT. A RUMOR OF A LIEVANO VISIT TO CUBA WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING VERY LITTLE BASIS.

5. BOGOTA RADIO STATIONS, AS IS THEIR FREQUENT PRACTICE, HAVE PICKED UP THE TWO RUMORS REPORTED BY EL ESPECTADOR AND, IN SOMEWHAT MORE ELABORATE FORM, HAVE BROADCAST THEM. IN THE CASE OF THE RUMORED LIEVANO VISIT TO WASHINGTON, RADIO CADENA NACIONAL, ATTRIBUTED THE REPORT TO FORNMIN OFFICIALS. WHITE

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